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BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, ... 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, ..., 600,000 Dollars.

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HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED
On Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Office of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,
the 1st March, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m.—

An Invoice of JAPANESE WARE, comprising: Inlaid Cabinets, Bronzes, Ivory Carvings, Buttons, Necklaces, Earrings, Glove and Fancy Boxes in Lacquered and Tortoise-shell Ware, Napkin Rings, Pictures.

&c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17. All Lots with all faults and errors of description, at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, February 26, 1877. mol

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 1st day of March, 1877, at No. 12, Queen's Road Central (Change of Readiness), at 2 p.m.—

A portion of the Household FURNITURE, as Damask-covered Sofas and Chairs, Marble-top Side and Centre Tables, Fine Oil Paintings, China and Japanese Vases, and Curios, Handsome Pier Glasses, Curtains, Carpeting, Dining Table and Chairs, Sideboard, &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c.

A Semi-grand PIANO, by Collard & Collard, in perfect order.

A Small BILLIARD TABLE, with

BALLS, CUES, etc., complete.

A DOG CART, with Pony Harness.

An American-made BUGGY.

See Catalogues.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on the fall of the hammer in Mexican Dollars at 7.17. All Lots with all faults and errors of description, at Purchaser's risk, on the fall of the hammer.

For further Particulars, apply to

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, February 26, 1877. mol

Auctions.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, in their Sale Room, Praya Central, on

FRIDAY,

the 2nd March, 1877, at Noon.—Merino and Lambswool Socks, Tooth Brushes, Paint Brushes, Sailor's Knives, Flannel, Towels, Dark and Light Oak Color Paint, Varnish.

Also,

25 boxes Fresh California Apples.

5 " Dried do. Fruits.

And,

On account of the S.S. "Oceania," 8 cases Pernier & Jonet's Champagne.

5 " Guisier & Co.'s

4 " Heidsieck's

64 Blue Serge Shirts.

23 pairs do. Fanta.

59 " White Duck Pants.

13 Jerseys.

244 tins Assorted Meats and Soups.

do. do.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.17. The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, February 27, 1877. mol

POSTPONEMENT OF SALE.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Dr. G. D. Dods, to sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,

the 2nd day of March, 1877, at 12 o'clock Noon, at his Residence, 2, College Gardens.—

The whole of his HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, consisting of Drawing-Room Furniture in Walnut, made by Whittock and Finlay of Edinburgh, Dining-Room Furniture in Mahogany, by Finlay of Edinburgh; Brussels Carpets, Pictures, Glass-ware, Crockery, Bed-room Furniture, Books, Wine, &c.

A Semi-Grand PIANO, by Collard and Collard.

A SEWING MACHINE for Hand or Foot, by Singer.

A JARDINIERE, by Moizai of London.

LOBBY FURNITURE, in Blackwood.

And,

One Parlour BILLIARD TABLE, with Balls, Cues, &c., complete.

At 3 p.m., by order of Sir John Smale.

One Four Wheel CARRIAGE, for one or two Ponies, Davis, Long Acre, London, Builder, with Double Harness.

One Four Wheel BASKET CARRIAGE, for one or two Ponies, Arrol & Co., Paris, Builders, with Double Harness.

And,

1 Gentleman's SADDLE Complete.

1 Lady's SADDLE do.

1 DONKEY.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after THURSDAY, the 1st March.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17. All Lots with all faults and errors of description, at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 26, 1877. mol

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LAND AND PROPERTY.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 10th March, 1877, at Noon, on the Premises (unless previously disposed of by Private Sale).

A portion of that Piece of Land registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 174, abutting on the North side thereof on a Close registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 170, and measuring thereon forty-five feet, on the South side on the remaining portion of Inland Lot No. 174 and measuring thereon forty-five feet on the East side thereof on Peal Street, and measuring thereon twenty-nine feet, and on the West side thereof on Stavely Street and measuring thereon twenty-nine feet, which said Piece of Land contains in the whole 1817 square feet and is known as No. 3 Peal Street, together with the three storied TERRACE or DWELLING HOUSE erected thereon.

Annual Crown Rent, \$15 56.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance on completion of the Deed of Transfer, the expenses of which to be paid by the purchaser.

The Property to be at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

For further Particulars, apply to

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, February 26, 1877. mol

Intimations.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

ARE NOW LANDING AN INVOICE OF

ROUYER GUILLET & CO.'S CELEBRATED BRANDY.

This BRANDY is well known in England, the Colonies, and India.

The Firm possess Six Vineyards and Six Distilleries, and are amongst the largest shippers from Charente.

Qualities One * Two **, Three ***, and Four ****, in Cases of One Dozen Quarts.

Also,

POMMERY & GRENO'S

"EXTRA SEC." CHAMPAGNE.

in Quarts and Pints,

As supplied to the principal London Clubs.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877. apb

1877

THE MEDICAL HALL,

37, Queen's Road, Hongkong.
ESTABLISHED 1853.

TR. KOFFER, Proprietor.

Hongkong, April 26, 1876. apb

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Sixth

ORDINARY MEETING of the SHARE-

HOLDERS of the above Company will be

Held at the Head Office, Victoria

Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 2nd March, 1877,

at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of re-

ceiving the Report of the Directors, to-

gether with a Statement of Account, to

31st December, at his Residence,

Albany Road.—

The whole of his Household FUR-

NITURE, &c., comprising Drawing-

Dining and Bedroom Suites, Sofas,

Chairs, Easy Chairs, Mirrors, Tables,

Pictures, Sideboard, Whatnots, Glass

and Plated Ware, Crockery, Ware, Bed-

steads, Wardrobes, Toilet Tables and

Glass, Washstands, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the

whole to be on view on and after SATURDAY, the 10th March.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery

in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17.

All Lots with all faults and errors of

description, at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer.</

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR HOIHOW.

The Steamship

"OLYMPIA"

NAGEL, Master, will be despatched for the above Port
TO-MORROW, the 1st March, at 1 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, February 28, 1877.

mol

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Spanish Steamer

"SALVADORA"

Capt. HORNACHEA, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 2nd Proximo, at 2 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to

BRANDAO & Co.

Hongkong, February 28, 1877.

mol

FOR AMOY (DIRECT).

The Spanish Steamer

"ZAMBOANGA"

Capt. LOPEZ, will leave as above on FRIDAY Next, the 2nd Proximo, at 5 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to

REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, February 28, 1877.

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FOR YOLOO.

The A 1 Spanish Schooner

"UNION"

MARCAECAHVARA, Master, will have quick despatch as above.
For Freight or Passage, apply to

REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, February 28, 1877.

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NOTICE.

A D I S P E N S E R.
APPLY BY LETTER ONLY.
Address: "K." c/o the China Mail Office,
Hongkong, February 28, 1877.

REASONABLE

NEITHER Captain FORBES nor the Agents or OWNERS of the American Barque *"GARIBOLDI"* will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS contracted by the Crew.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 28, 1877.

mol

FURNITURE SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

MONDAY,

the 5th March, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m., at Brooks Cottage, the Residence of Geo. ARBEE, Esq.

The whole of his HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising Dining-room, Sitting-room, and Bedroom Furniture.

Catalogues of which will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, February 28, 1877.

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TO LET.

THE House No. 7, Upper Mosque TERRACE, at present in the occupation of A. B. JOHNSON, Esq., Gas and Water laid on.

Apply to

T. G. LINSTEAD.

Hongkong, February 28, 1877.

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Not Responsible for Debts

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay at Hongkong Harbour:

STAR OF CHINA, British ship, Captain E. B. Blaker.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.

NEHERIAH GIBSON, American barque, Captain D. Bradford.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

BONITO, German barque, Captain J. F. Wiesenberg.—Siemens & Co.

ALDEN BESSIS, American barque, Captain S. NOYES.—Rosario & Co.

TIRUANIA, British ship, Captain Robt. Goldie.—Moye & Co.

FORMIA, German 8-m. schooner, Capt. G. SCHWEIER.—Melchers & Co.

WANDERING MINSTREL, British barque, Captain Wm. Sivewright.—Siemens & Co.

MYSTIC BELL, American ship, Captain David Plumer.—Siemens & Co.

ORANGE GROVE, British barque, Captain A. Longmuir.—Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

ROSINA, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. C. W. Hansen.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

mol

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Feb. 27, Mystic Bell, American ship, 755, David Plumer, Newcastle (N.S.W.), Jan. 4, 1855 tons Coal.—Siemens & Co.

Feb. 27, Orange Grove, British barque, 385, A. Longmuir, Sydney (N.S.W.), Dec. 20, Coal.—Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

Feb. 28, Cheung Hock Kian, British steamer, 956, W. Webb, Amoy Feb. 28, and Swatow 27, General.—Soon CHONG & Co.

Feb. 28, Rosina, American 3-m. schooner, 400, Hansen, Newcastle (N.S.W.) Dec. 25, Coal.—ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Feb. 28, Olympia, German steamer, 777, T. W. Nagel, Shanghai Feb. 22, General.—Siemens & Co.

mol

DEPARTURES.

Feb. 27, Swatow, for Saigon.

27, Amoy, for Saigon.

28, Petal, for Taiwan.

28, Norma, for Swatow.

28, Bombay, for Yokohama.

mol

CLEARED.

State of Louisiana, for Shanghai.

Gaudia, for Yokohama.

Destra, for Coast Ports.

mol

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Cheung Hock Kian, from Amoy and Swatow, 223 Chinese.

Per Rosina, from Newcastle (N.S.W.), 3 Chinese.

Per Olympia, from Shanghai, 1 European deck, and 9 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Bombay, for Yokohama, Mr. Mates.

air.

Per Swatow, for Saigon, 12 Chinese.

Per McIntyre, for Saigon, 50 Chinese.

Per Norma, for Swatow, 2 Europeans and 39 Chinese.

PASSENGERS.

TO DEPART.

Per Zambezi, for Southampton, Dr. Davis, R.M., Messrs. MacIntosh, and D. Thomson; for Bombay, Messrs. Surdarshan and E. Mohamed.—From Shanghai: for Singapore, Mr. Thos. Jones; for Southampton, Mr. and Mrs. Wade and family, and Mr. T. Jones.

Per Kashgar, for Shanghai: from Southampton, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher; from New York, Mr. Baldwin; from Galle, Mr. Winsholt; from Hongkong, Messrs. Hunter, Court, McLeod, Karamine, Leslie, McMinnies, Aubert, Lucas, W. H. Forbes, H. de O. Forbes, and Marshall.

Per Douglas, for Coast Ports, 8 Europeans, and 100 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Cheung Hock Kian* reports: Had a fresh wind with thick weather to Swatow, thence to port strong N.E. winds.

The American 8-masted schooner *Rosina* reports: Fine weather to 10 S. thence heavy Northern winds to 7 N., after which had moderate N.E. winds to port.

CARGO.

Per Zambezi, for London, 167 bales Raw Silk, 27 bales Waste Silk, 42 pkgs. Piece Goods, and 116 boxes and 83 pieces Tea.

For Continent, 19 bales Raw Silk. For New York, 16 bales Raw Silk. For Boston, 431 half-chests Tea. For Europe, 241 pkgs. Sundries.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:

For HOIHOW.—Per *Olympia*, at 0.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 1st March.

For SINGAPORE & PENANG.—Per *CHIANG HOOK KIAN*, at 1.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 1st March.

For E. AUSTRALIA, etc.—Per *Brisbane*, at 3 p.m. To-morrow, the 1st March.

For AMOY & MANILA.—Per *SALVADORA*, at 1.30 p.m., on Friday, the 2nd March.

For SAIGON.—Per *GUNGA*, at 2.30 p.m., on Friday, the 2nd March.

For AMOY.—Per *ZAMBOANGA*, at 4.30 p.m., on Friday, the 2nd March.

For HAIPHONG.—Per Barque *BERTHA*, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 3rd March, instead of as previously notified.

For BANGKOK.—Per *RAJANATTHANAHAR*, at 8 p.m., on Tuesday, the 6th March.

MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAITS PACKET.

The Australian Contract Packet *BRISBANE*, will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 1st March, with Mails for Singapore, Somerset, Cootown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen, Keppel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, and Melbourne. Correspondence cannot be registered after 11.15 a.m.

The Mails will be closed at 11.30 a.m. Correspondence for New Zealand must be specially directed via Torres Straits, or it will be sent via Galle.

Correspondence for Southern and Western Australia can be sent by this route if desired, but as a general rule it is better to send it via Galle.

General Post Office, Hongkong, February 28, 1877.

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MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—

The English Contract Packet *ZAMBESI* will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 1st March.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:

Wednesday, 28th February.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m., Post Office closes except the Nertz Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 1st March.—
10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents extra to Postage till

11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only addressed to the United Kingdom via Brindisi or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, till

11.30 a.m., when the Mail is finally closed.

Hongkong, February 28, 1877.

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THE PUBLICATION of this issue commenced at 8.35 p.m.

THE CHINA MAIL.

GENERAL MEMORANDA.

FRIDAY, March 2.—

Noon.—Butuan leaves for Manila.

Noon.—General Weekly State by Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co.

Noon & 3 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, &c., at Dr. G. Dod's residence, College Gardens.

2 p.m.—Salvadore leaves for Manila.

3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Chinese Insurance Co., limited, at the Head Office, Hongkong.

5 p.m.—Zambanga leaves for Amoy.

SATURDAY, March 3.—

3 p.m.—Ordinary & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

SUNDAY, March 4.—

Noon.—Tenders for construction of boats close.

MONDAY, March 5.—

2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, &c., at Mr. G. Arber's residence, at Brooke Cottage.

Goods per State of Louisiana undelivered after this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, March 6.—

Goods per *Kashgar* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, March 10.—

Noon.—Sale of Ground and Property in Peel Street.

MONDAY, March 12.—

2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, &c., at Rev. R. H. Kidd's Residence, Albany Road.

THURSDAY, March 15.—

3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

FRIDAY, March 16.—

to the school system which has been established in this Colony. All this—the success of all this is due to the gentleman at the head of those departments (applause). They can tell you truthfully that I have interfered very little with them. I have never had occasion to do so, and so long as I find men ready to accept their responsibilities, and to perform their duties faithfully, honestly, and ably, I think it is the best policy of a ruler in this Colony to leave them alone. (Applause). In regard to the administration of justice, which of course has so much to do with the repression of crime, it would have been a perfect impropriety and indecency on my part to have interfered in that matter. Your judges and magistrates have discharged that work perfectly, and altogether, as they ought to be, independent of the head of the Executive. Their final action in all cases which have come before them has tended very considerably to the repression of crime in this Island, and I believe the fact is as stated by my friend, your Chairman, that the Chief Justice has said that the criminal statistics of this Colony will compare favourably with those of any other part of Her Majesty's dominions (applause). But gentlemen, the heads of the departments in this Colony—all these gentlemen to whom I have referred might possibly not have performed their duty in this independent, upright, and manly way, if they were not aware that they had the whole intelligence and responsibility of this Colony at their back, which has always been the case. One of the speakers in returning thanks for the Army has made an allusion to me, which I cannot pass over in silence. He has alluded to the earlier part of my career as a soldier. I have no desire, gentlemen, to blink that part of my history. I spent the best and happiest days of my life in that service, and any little good which you attribute to me to-night I learnt there. I was trained together with the gentleman who made that allusion. We were trained alike in the profession and principles of honour and manly conduct, which I have endeavoured to make my rule through life. (applause). Whatever else I may be, I shall ever be at heart a soldier. I am astonished at myself that I have got so far in making a speech, or anything like one, for I assure you I feel perfectly oppressed with a sense of my own unworthiness of the honour which you have heaped upon me here to-night. I have done far less than you think, and I never have and never will take credit for doing that which others ought to receive (applause). Be sure that you keep your public officers pure, clean and honest and competent for their work they do, and you will be comparatively independent of any Governor. You will have your work done by these gentlemen as they now do it unto the end; I am perfectly satisfied, because they do it from a high principle of honour. I am perfectly sure that whether I am here or elsewhere that you will have the same success in your public departments. As to the prosperity of the Colony, the roads and paths and so forth that have been alluded to by your Chairman, I have only to say I could do very little in that way if I had not a Council—gentlemen appointed by the Queen to advise me. Those gentlemen know very well what the Colony wants, and they have never hesitated to vote the money to do it. I should have been utterly powerless without that help. Those gentlemen, I believe, at I have stated on another occasion to-day, though nominated by the Queen, have represented the property and commerce, the honour and the welfare of the Colony, far better than I have seen those matters represented in places where they had pretty nearly universal suffrage (applause). Those gentlemen have, at all times, acted as independently as if they went about with their hats in their hands asking every grey fellow in the community for their votes (laughter). I have thought for a long time, and I shall continue to think, that Her Majesty, or those of her secretaries who have to represent her, that they are quite as good judges of those who are fit to represent public interests as any illiterate man that you—(applause). I am not, gentlemen, in the position of a government by party, I have never made a party; I have never attempted to make a party in this Colony. There is only one party in this Colony that I would wish to have beside me, and that is the whole intelligence of it, and I will never be content with less. I have never sought to gain any object by enlisting any party or clique on my side. (Applause). I have never condescended to ask, much less to coerce, the vote of any gentleman in your Legislative Council. They have been as free to think and to act as I am. We are appointed from the same head, from the same source, for they have their appointments from Her Majesty as I do, and they have an equal right to exercise their opinion. That they have exercised it thoroughly the present state of the Colony attests. I know of no particularly weak point about your Colony, except such as the Executive have not the power of remedying off hand and at once. Your town and city have been badly built, has been laid out in a faulty manner with a most nefarious system, if system, it can be called, of drainage, but all that has not been overlooked. Yet we have officers present on this occasion who have gone into that unsavoury question; who know all about it, and on day possible you will know all about it; but there is very little use in throwing nuisances before the public to be discussed and to be talked about when you have not the possible means of remedying them at once. It is better that these things should be talked of; should be well considered and planned and remedied as quickly as possible, but time must elapse before the sanitation of this Colony can be completed; it is in very good hands. During the time that I have been among you, I am not conscious of having done anybody an intentional wrong. If I have made any mistakes; if I have not sometimes estimated gentlemen's abilities by their own standard (laughter), it sometimes has been the case—that is hardly my own fault; it is my misfortune, but if I have made any mistakes on these points, I am sorry for it. I have endeavoured to get the best men in the proper places, and I have never, I can conscientiously declare, committed anything like what is socially odious, and very well known as a "job" (laughter and applause). I cannot afford it. It does not pay. You are sure to be found out, and I don't know, gentlemen, any place where I have been where the climate, the atmosphere and the soil was so unsuitable for the growth of a sham (Renewed laughter). You have had me now for five years before

you. I have been as it were on the stage for all that time, and although it may have been necessary occasionally to use a little red ochre, white paint and paper thunder, I hope that I have never used any more than was necessary to support the character which possibly rashly I have undertaken (Renewed laughter and applause). I am sure I have lost a great deal indeed that I ought to say, but in conclusion I would only advert to the assemblage that I see around me, representing all that is respectable and estimable of whatever nationality in Hongkong. I have been in this room on many occasions, many festive occasions, and I do not remember any person whom I do not know personally, and a great portion are not acquaintances but friends. They are just such a mixed tribunal as I would like to be judged by, and I very well know the independence of those who have come here to-night—that they would not have come one step if they did not think there was more at all events to praise than blame in my administration (applause). I would be sorry, gentlemen, if you misunderstood me, and I would still more regret if I had misjudged you. I take your presence here to-night to mean, not that all or a great portion of you have at all times concurred in, or thought the right thing, what happened to be done by the Executive, but I take it to mean that you have on the whole balanced the good against the evil and have come to the conclusion that whatever has been done, whether it be good or evil, has been done for the interests of this Colony, for the honour of the colonists and for the good of the community at large (applause). I would only, gentlemen, in conclusion say that the reception I have met with here to-night and elsewhere during the day has really so overcome and overwhelmed me, that I have only one feeling—that I thank you from the bottom of my heart, and I shall never forget to my dying day the honour which you have this night conferred upon me. I estimate it the greatest honour that you could offer, and the greatest honour that I could receive (prolonged applause).

Mr Ryrie, who was very warmly received, said the toast entrusted to him that evening—the Bench and the Bar—was one that had very great pleasure in proposing. From the earliest days of the Colony down to the present time the Bench here had been occupied by men who were respected here to the highest degree. After referring to Chief Justice Hulme in terms of great praise Mr Ryrie said that coming to the present chief incumbent of the Bench, he thought they would all agree with him that he had kept up the reputation of the position. On every occasion the public interests demanded it, when anything occurred, on which the Chief Justice could record his opinion either from the Bench or his seat in the Legislative Council, he never hesitated to come forward as the exponent of what were the legal rights of the Colonists, as well as what was best for their interests. In regard to the Bar there were two gentlemen who had been members of the Bar here now filling most responsible positions at Home. The Bar here had been distinguished by a high sense of honour in the practice of their profession and by a very great amount of ability. (Applause).

Sir John Smeal, who was also warmly applauded on rising, responded at considerable length, referring to the Bench and the Bar in the past and the present, and expressing his admiration at the sound principles which had been enunciated by His Excellency for the Government of a Colony in the course of his speech.

Mr Phillips, in response to an invitation, also acknowledged the toast.

Mr Jackson, who was received with great applause, briefly proposed the toast of "The Foreign Consuls," coupling it with the name of Mr D. H. Bailey. The foreign Consuls here were a body of men whom they all sincerely admired and esteemed, although, basing in the sunshine of a paternal Government they were not brought so much into contact with them as they would be if residing at one of the Treaty ports. Those, however, who had any dealings with the Consular body here found them to be very affable and estimable gentlemen (applause).

Mr Bailey, who was received with loud and prolonged applause, said:—Mr Chairman and gentlemen, for my colleagues and for myself I wish to express our very high appreciation of the kind and considerate remarks concerning the Consular Body made by the gentleman who has just taken his seat. We are glad to assist in doing honor to the distinguished guest of the occasion. We are here from all parts of the earth, I may say, representing different nationalities, systems, customs, manners; but I feel safe in the assertion that the Consular Body in Hongkong is animated by a cosmopolitan feeling and imbued with a sentiment of international fraternity. (Applause). Consuls sometimes are placed in difficult situations where between the Governments they represent and the Government to which they are accredited, international questions arise, questions delicate for solution. In such cases, it is important that the disposition of the Authority or Executive with whom they have to deal should be taken largely into consideration. I can say for myself, and I believe I can assert it also for my colleagues, that whenever questions have arisen, the Governor, Sir Arthur Kennedy, has always met us in a liberal, practical, sensible way, in the spirit of treaties, in the spirit of comity, and obstacles have vanished. (Applause) This Excellency Sir Arthur Kennedy in leaving Hongkong, where he has governed so wisely, so beneficially, is going to a large field, to be one of the builders of a State, one of the founders of that new Empire now rising on the horizon of England's great domain. May I anticipate the future, that he will assist in laying the foundations broad and deep, on the solid principles of authority and liberty, so that future generations may venerate his work and name. I am sure you will all join in wishing him long life, and that his success may be as great in Queensland as in Hongkong, and we cannot wish any success which will be greater than that. (Loud applause)

This Excellency! Gentlemen! I cordially thank you for this second expression. I would not have risen at all, but to say in reference to what has fallen from my friend the Consul for the United States that is possibly may be agreeable to many here to know, inasmuch as the question caused a great deal of commotion and a great deal of very proper and righteous indignation, at the horrible case of murder which the American Consul had to deal with, and which by an unfortunate broken link we both were unable to bring the culprits, as we believe them to be, to justice. By this last mail I received a despatch from H. M. Secretary of State to say that the action of

this Government in the matter, which was perfectly and entirely in accord with that of my friend on the right, was entirely approved of. (Applause) And what is more important and what will be more agreeable to you to know is, that the Extradition Treaty has been so far resumed that no such wretched occurrence can ever occur again—that such culprits may and will for the future be dealt with by the Consul of the United States and by this Government as they were before the suspension of this Treaty. (Applause).

His Excellency again rose and said: I have been deputed, I am sure I do it really made so little of my particular business in the Colony, to propose the prosperity of the Colony of Hongkong. (Applause). If I had thought over the matter, I could, no doubt, have given you a dose of statistics, but I am very sure that some of my medical friends, who are present here, will advise you, if you ask them, even without a fee, that statistic after dinner are horribly indigestible. I won't afflict you with any of them. I will only deal with generalities. Since I have been here, we have not added a single tax to the community, but we have eradicated a good many small taxes. We have done what we could to release commerce from all shackles of anything of the sort, and I believe it has been the earnest desire of the Government to help and assist and promote commerce in every possible way. That you are not entirely going to the bad, without going into statistics I may say that I believe that within the last year of 1876, there has been an increase in the number of ships coming into this harbour, something like 8,000 of all sorts, i.e. an increase over the number in 1875, which increase I believe represents something like 340,000 tons of shipping. If you do not believe me, gentlemen, go and ask the Harbour Master. Now, gentlemen, I infer from these two simple facts that the Colony is not going to the bad. I do not believe people send ships here or people here send ships elsewhere simply to run up and down, like the Irishmen who suggested having a railway through certain uninhabited districts simply for the "division" of the thing. The vessels, I believe, come here for some good purpose, they take away things and I am sure they leave something here in the shape of dollars. There is another fact which I think proves that the Colony is prospering. We have been selling land lots, we have some still, although you would hardly believe it, and we sold land the other day which was resumed a few years ago for £4 and some odd shillings and which we sold the other day for £42,000. There is not land of the size of your hat to put up here which is not eagerly purchased, and we know it cannot be eaten, that it must be utilised for some purpose, and that is a sure index to me either that the Colony is prosperous or that there is an enormous number of fools who want to invest their money in land which is not valuable. I think the increase in the Stamp Tax is also a fair indication of the progress of your Colony. Be that as it may, I know that although your taxes have been reduced and no new taxes have been imposed, your revenue is steadily increasing, that you have got something to pay your way and that you need not go to beg and borrow of anybody—except of the Special Fund (applause), that I would have no sort of scruples of borrowing; and you know, moreover, I would not be very particular in paying it back (a laugh). Well now, gentlemen, so long as you have got that money, and so long as the present order of things is maintained, you will have sufficient funds to do all that is required to be done here, and I have no doubt what I have stated are sound and substantial instances of the prosperity of this Colony. I believe that this Colony has a great future before it. I have thought the matter out according to my lights. It has a great geographical position of which it cannot be deprived, and although there are some enterprising statesmen in the present day, there is one of high repute at Peking a British subject, and I know that he advocated the giving up of this Colony again to China, and there is another high up in Her Majesty's service who is imbued with similar views; that sounds like a bad joke, but I believe it is true. I believe I am doing that discreet diplomatist no wrong in saying that he entertains that opinion, yet I advise everybody, if he has any interest at all in the place, whatever his country may be, to baffle that question to the death. Do not wait until a fight is put to the mine, but the first indication you have of it, raise your voice against it. In regard to the competition of the Chinese, I know that with their intelligence Europeans must succeed. 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4. MOYER, Superintendent.

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THE S. S. "OCEANIC" will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 3rd March, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe. Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of 2nd March. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Return Passage Tickets available for 6 months are issued at a reduction of 20 per cent on regular rates.

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THE Municipal Commissioners of Penang are desirous of receiving DESIGNS for a TOWN-HALL. This Building is to be erected on the ground on the east side of the Esplanade situated between the latter and Duke Street, and its cost is not to exceed \$50,000.

The Commissioners offer a PREMIUM of \$400 for the best and most suitable Design with Specifications; and competitors have the option of forwarding Tenders for carrying out the work.

The Designs, accompanied with all documents, are to be sent to the Municipal Office, Penang on or before the 1st of March next.

For further information apply to the Secretary to the Municipal Commissioners at Penang.

D. O. PRESGRAVE,

Municipal Secretary.

Penang, Municipal Office,

The 1st September, 1874.

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